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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
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12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 DANNI WALKER,
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Defendant.

CASE NO. 22-CR-00105-LK

ORDER CONTINUING TRIAL

16 This matter comes before the Court on Defendant Danni Walker's second Unopposed
17 Motion to Continue Trial and Pretrial Motions Dates, Dkt. No. 21, as well as her Speedy Trial
18 Waiver, Dkt. No. 22. On July 27, 2022, a federal grand jury indicted Ms. Walker on six counts of
19 wire fraud related to her submission of allegedly false and misleading Paycheck Protection
20 Program loan applications, a source of financial assistance provided by the Government through
21 the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security ("CARES") Act. *See* Dkt. No. 1. The case
22 involves "at least ten allegedly misleading loan applications related to [the] Paycheck Protection
23 Program." Dkt. No. 21 at 2. Ms. Walker pleaded not guilty to all counts. Dkt. No. 7. Although Ms.
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1 Walker's jury trial was originally slated to begin on September 26, 2022, *id.*, the Court previously
2 granted her unopposed motion to continue trial to April 10, 2023, Dkt. No. 14 at 2.

3 Defense counsel now requests a second continuance, this time to August 14, 2023, "to
4 allow sufficient time to conduct investigations, conduct legal research, review the discovery with
5 Ms. Walker, prepare for pre-trial motions, and prepare for trial." Dkt. No. 21 at 1–2. Although
6 counsel is "diligently analyzing [the] discovery and conducting additional investigation," the
7 discovery in this case "is voluminous and is requiring a significant amount of time to read, analyze,
8 and review with Ms. Walker." *Id.* at 2. Ms. Walker avers that she understands her rights under the
9 Sixth Amendment and Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161, and "knowingly, voluntarily, and with
10 advice of counsel waive[s her] right to a speedy trial and consent[s] to the continuation of the date
11 of [the] trial from April 10, 2023, to a date up to and including September 14, 2023." Dkt. No. 22
12 at 1. The Government does not oppose Ms. Walker's motion. Dkt. No. 21 at 1.

13 Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), the Court finds that the ends of justice served by
14 granting a continuance outweigh the best interest of the public and Ms. Walker in any speedier
15 trial. Specifically, the Court finds that failure to grant the requested continuance would likely result
16 in a miscarriage of justice and would deny defense counsel the reasonable time necessary for
17 effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence, due to counsel's need for
18 more time to review the evidence, consider possible defenses, and gather evidence material to the
19 defense. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(i), (iv). The Court also finds that the additional time
20 requested is a reasonable period of delay and will be necessary to provide counsel and Ms. Walker
21 reasonable time to accomplish these tasks and prepare for trial.

22 For these reasons, the Court ORDERS that trial shall be continued from April 10, 2023 to
23 August 14, 2023. It is further ORDERED that, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A) and (B), the
24 period of delay from the date of this Order to the new trial date is EXCLUDED when computing

1 the time within which Ms. Walker's trial must commence under the Speedy Trial Act. Pretrial
2 motions are due no later than July 3, 2023.

3 Dated this 30th day of January, 2023.

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5 Lauren King
6 United States District Judge
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